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SUBJECT: TAX EXEMPTIONS

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1. ALL TAXES IMPOSED IN LAOS ARE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. INDIRECT TAXES ARE PAID BY ALL CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL ON ANY ITEMS BOUGHT IN LOCAL STORES AND MARKETS. ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES, REGARDLESS OF STATUS, ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE ITEMS FROM THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMISSARY TAX-FREE, INCLUDING GASOLINE WHICH IS SOLD AT THE ACA PUMP. THEY ARE ALSO ABLE TO BRING IN ALL OF THEIR PERSONAL EFFECTS, HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND ONE PERSONAL VEHICLE PER FAMILY UNIT DUTY-FREE FOR USE WHILE ON DUTY IN LAOS. A TAX IS IMPOSED BY THE RLG ON ANY ADDITIONAL VEHICLE, INCLUDING MOTORCYCLES. THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS DO NOT ENJOY DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGE AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME TAXES AND DUTIES AS LOCALLY-EMPLOYED STAFF.

2. ALL PERSONNEL UNDER CATEGORY 1 MAY REGISTER THEIR PERSONAL VEHICLES AND OBTAIN LAO DRIVER'S LICENSE AND LICENSE PLATES FREE OF CHARGE. PERSONNEL UNDER CATEGORIES 2 AND 3 WHO HOLD DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS PAY FOR REGISTRATION OF THEIR VEHICLES AND FOR LICENSE PLATES; HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT PAY FOR THEIR DRIVERS' LICENSES. PERSONNEL UNDER CATEGORIES 2 AND 3 WHO DO NOT HOLD

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DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS PAY FOR CAR REGISTRATION, LICENSE PLATES, DRIVER'S LICENSE AND A ROAD USE TAX STICKER.

3. DISTINCTIVELY MARKED LICENSE PLATES ARE ISSUED TO CATEGORIES 1, 2 AND 3. THE CHIEF OF A DIPLOMATIC MISSION IS PERMITTED THE DUTY-FREE IMPORT OF TWO (2) PERSONAL VEHICLES DURING HIS TOUR, BOTH OF WHICH CARRY A "CD" PLATE. DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS ARE ISSUED "CD" PLATES FOR ONE PERSONAL VEHICLE AND TECHINICAL AND ADMIN. STAFF AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ISSUED "IT" PLATES FOR ONE PERSONAL VEHICLE. A THIRD TYPE OF LICENSE PLATE, "TT," IS ISSUED TO CONTRACT EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT; THESE ARE, HOWEVER, PROVIDED BY USAID.

4. A VEHICLE MUST BE RE-REGISTERED EVERY TWO (2) YEARS; THIS IS DONE BY EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY IMPORT PAPER.

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